(b) what measures are being taken to prevent recurrance of such delays?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The result of the M. Phil (Hindi) examination held in April, 1987 was declared in June, 1988. However, the result of two candidates was held up as a committee appointed by the Vice-Chancellor was examining the validity of their admission. The result of the said candidates has since been declared and intimated to them. The question of payment of compensation to the affected candidates does not arise.

(b) Does not arise.

Foreign proposals for Development of Waterways

2321. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foreign proposals are under consideration for development of waterways for navigtional purposes; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the proposals and by when a decision is likely to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STTATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The Inland Waterways Authority of India, with the Dutch assistance is currently implementing a Pilot project of evaluation of navigability of Allahabad-Patna stretch of Ganga. Further, the Government of Netherlnds have agreed to get a detailed project report prepared under the Dutch Assistance programme for setting up of a modern Inland Port at Patna as an expansion of the on-going Pilot project and for establishment of a National Institute for inland navigation. An Indo-Dutch joint Expert Group is also working out a perspective plan for development of inland waterways. A few other countries have also expressed interest for cooperation in the development of IWT on Indian river systems.

Unused stores material of India Airlines

2322. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

a) whether it is a fact that stores material worth several crores has been lying unused with Indian Airlines for many years;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to correct the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. In Indian Airlines as on 31st March, 1988, the value of spares, which has not moved for more than two years vis-a-vis the gross block of the aircraft|stores holdings, is about 3.6 per cent.

(c) In the context of airline operations where an operator is solely dependent upon the foreign manufacturers for aircraft spares, certain amount of material lying unused for many year is inevitable. Therefore the question of taking any corrective steps does not arise. However, Indian airlines has taken the following measures to ensure that the non-moving items are kept to the barest minimum:—

(i) Review of list of non-moving items periodically;

(ii) disposal of identified surpluses dept constraints of limited buyers and resale value; and

(iii) fixing of the maximum|minimum and ordering levels in respect of each individual item of spares and review of such levels in the light of experience gained, etc.